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Test events ticket give-away

MORE free Olympic test event tickets are up for grabs for Greenwich residents. Greenwich Council has secured hundreds of tickets to give locals the opportunity to be among the first to attend an event in the Olympic Park. Tickets are being offered to residents of the six host borough for the events, handball and Paralympic goalball, which take place in November and December at the park in Stratford. Greenwich has a ballot of 700

handball tickets for the weekend of November 26 and 27, and more than 500 goalball tickets have been earmarked for Greenwich residents for the weekend of December 3 and 4. The events are to test the fields of play before live audiences to ensure smooth running when the events are held for real next year. They follow similar test events in the park in the summer, when locals got to experience the equestrian and modern pentathlon events in

Greenwich Park. To be in with a chance of winning tickets for the events (maximum two per borough household), complete and return the form on page 3. Residents can fill in the form online at www.greenwich.gov.uk/testevents. The final date for entries to be received is 5pm on November 11. Ticket winners will need to collect their tickets from Woolwich Town Hall in Wellington Street, and must bring with them two forms

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In my opinion

How many?
Quite a few!



IN 2005 I had the pleasure of hosting a special Sportathon event at the Royal Artillery Barracks in Woolwich attended by school children from across the borough. It was special because this was the day the decision was being made as to which city would stage the 2012 Olympics, London or Paris. When we heard that London had won, the excitement and pride on everyone's faces was fantastic to see. Six years later that memory was brought back to me when I stood on stage at the Indigo2 as host of the annual Starting Blocks Dinner, introducing our chief guest, Lord Seb Coe. When I was invited in 2005 by Cllr Chris Roberts to become a trustee of Starting Blocks - the charity established by Greenwich Council to financially support talented Greenwich-based athletes and to help them achieve their sporting dreams - my initial thoughts were, "Great idea but realistically, how many elite athletes can we have in Greenwich?" I was soon to find out that the answer was, "quite a few

actually"! The recent dinner showcased our top athletes, most of whom stand a realistic chance of representing Team GB in 2012 - such as Zoe Smith, Jeffrey Lawal-Balogun, Xavier Mohammed and Gemma Gibbons. I think, probably for the first time, there was a general realisation that Greenwich-based athletes would be taking part in the 2012 Olympics. A specially produced DVD was shown which featured eight of our top athletes and apart from the four previously mentioned, the audience also saw the talent of athletes such as David Bolarinwa, Tosin Oke, Davoud Etiman and Robert Barrett. I was also proud to inform the audience of the next generation of Greenwich athletes to watch out for such as Jonathan Webb, Luix Collier, Louise Little, Tayla Chilver and Ayesha Fihosy. Singer Heather Small, our special guest at the dinner, completed what had been a fantastic evening by singing the 2012 anthem 'Proud'. It couldn't have been more apt.

Steve Sutherland,
Trustee, Greenwich
Starting Blocks

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Financial help for young people

YOUNG people staying on in education or unpaid training after their GCSEs may be able to get extra financial help. The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund is a new scheme starting in September 2011 to help young people facing financial hardship to stay in full-time education or unwaged training. It replaces the previous Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme.

Students most in need will be able to receive a bursary of £1,200 a year - this includes:

- People in care or who have left care,
- People claiming Income Support,
- Disabled young people getting both Employment and Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Other students facing financial difficulties may be awarded a discretionary

bursary to help with travel costs, food, books, equipment and so on. Some young people who are part-way through their studies and are currently receiving EMA can continue to get this help - including

- Students who successfully applied for EMA in 2009/10 - they can continue to receive payments at the same level until the end of the 2011/12 academic year.

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- More info at greenwich.gov.uk/benefits



New Roan in a class of its own

Green light to develop upper and lower schools

THE go-ahead has been given for a wide-ranging refurbishment and partial rebuild of The John Roan School in Blackheath.

At its meeting on October 13, Greenwich Council's planning board approved schemes to redevelop both the lower school site in Westcombe Park Road and the upper school site in Maze Hill.

The ambitious project - funded as part of Greenwich's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme - builds on The John Roan's proud history, enabling the school to develop a flexible learning space fit for the next 50 years.

At the Maze Hill site, the main building - a Grade 2 listed building which faces onto Greenwich Park and was constructed in a Neo-Georgian style in

the 1920s - will be refurbished. Other buildings on the site, constructed in the 1960s and the 1980s, will be demolished.

An open-air courtyard - a feature of the school's original design - will be restored, while another courtyard will be roofed over to accommodate a new dining hall, classrooms and a new library.

This site will become the new home for Years 7 and 8, as well as the school's 6th form.

At the Westcombe Park Road site, the main school building, which houses the lower school, will be demolished.

A purpose-built three-storey building on the site will become the new home for Years 9, 10 and 11. As well as flexible learning spaces, the building will also contain:

- A central dining space at the heart of the school

- Design and technology laboratories
- A drama studio and activities studio
- Sports hall and changing facilities
- Science laboratories
- Music and drama rooms
- Office accommodation

A smaller block on the site will accommodate a purpose-built sports centre, as well as a learning centre to for students with special needs.

The development across the two sites will result in an increased capacity for the school of 50 pupils.

"This decision is excellent news for The John Roan, and promises an exciting future for both staff and students," said Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for children and young people.

"The demolition and

construction of the new school will begin next year, with temporary classrooms on the Westcombe Park site being used to house the lower school. The Lower School will temporarily relocate to a site in Royal Hill, SE10, while the Maze Hill site is developed."

The John Roan is one of five BSF schemes in the borough. Crown Woods College in Eltham opened its new school buildings after Easter and new outdoor facilities are currently being built on the site of the old school.

Thomas Tallis School in Kidbrooke is due to move into its new buildings later this term. Refurbishment and rebuilding projects are also well underway at both Plumstead Manor School and Eltham Hill Technology College.

The dinner party food for thought

Host a meal and raise funds for Place2Be charity

THERE'S still time this month to host a dinner for your friends and help children with a lot on their plate.

The idea - 'A Place at the Table' - came from children's charity The Place2Be who are asking people to invite friends round for food, drink and conversation for the charity.

All you have to do is hold a lunch, share a cupcake or host a dinner and ask your friends for a "tip" for children struggling in life. There are also restaurants involved in the scheme, offering great deals to support the charity.

Eight Greenwich primary schools are involved in the initiative - Bannockburn, Boxgrove, Conway, Gallions Mount, St Patrick's, St Peter's, St Thomas a Becket and Foxfield.

Monica Manley, headteacher at St Thomas A Beckett, told GT: "The Place2Be is helping us to chip away at entrenched and deep-seated problems in a way that we

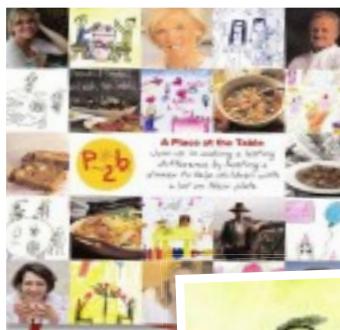
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could never do on our own, and as the demands and expectations on schools continue to rise, alongside the level of need in our communities, the role of The Place2Be becomes increasingly important.

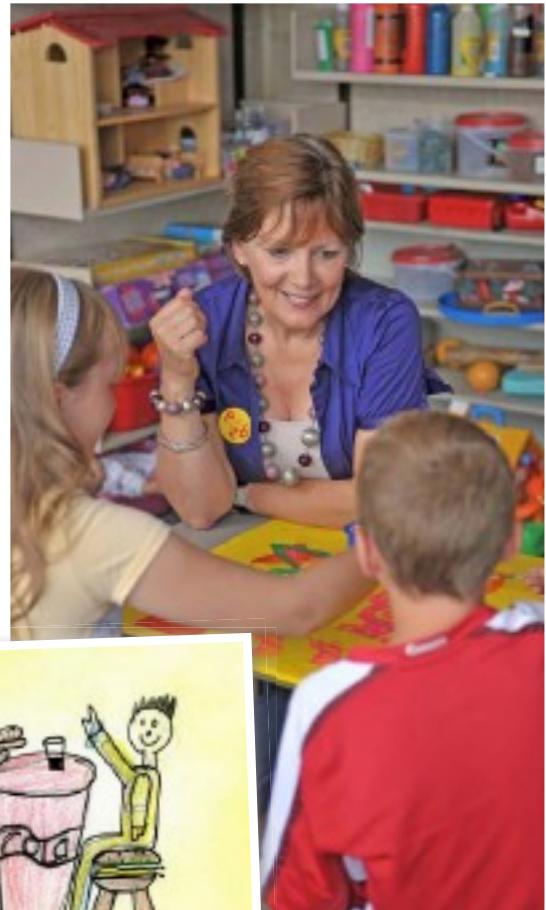
"They support the wellbeing of our school community and help to nurture a climate for learning and aspiration."

Top chefs and celebrities supporting the scheme include Mary Berry, Sophie Dahl, Lynda Bellingham, (far right), Gregg Wallace and Antony Worrall Thompson. Sophie Dahl said: "It's vital for children to feel like they have a voice and that someone is truly listening. The Place2Be is that listener and they do it with kindness, respect and compassion."

The Place2Be works with families in some of the poorest areas of the UK. The money raised will support



distressed children and help build their self esteem and aspirations.
● FIND out more and how to register your event at www.aplaceatthetable.org.uk



ART OF THE MATTER: children drawing inspiration, and left, two pals share a burger and a chat. Inset, an invitation

Ticket give-away

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of identification, photo ID such as a passport, driving licence or bus pass, and proof of a Greenwich address on a utility bill. Successful entries will be notified by 5pm on November 18. (If you have not been contacted by then unfortunately you have not won tickets).

Tickets will need to be collected w/c November 21 from Woolwich Town Hall at the following times:

- 21 Nov 10am - Noon then 2pm - 4pm
- 22 Nov 10am - Noon then 2pm - 4pm
- 23 Nov 10am - Noon then 2pm - 4pm & 5pm - 7pm
- 25 Nov 2pm - 4pm

Goalball was developed as a

rehabilitation activity for injured soldiers returning from World War II, and is played by visually impaired athletes.

Five teams from around the world will join Team GB in competing for the London Handball Cup on the November dates.

The Olympic Park is easy to get to via the Jubilee Line to Stratford.

The Park is served by the two lines of the Docklands Light Railway and runs from Woolwich Arsenal.

Go to www.tfl.gov.uk for more travel info.

● More information about the handball and goalball events is at www.londonpreparesseries.com

Olympic Park test event tickets

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Psst...they're selling dodgy DVDs

WHENEVER I play a DVD I find I'm unable to fast forward the dramatic rant about buying dodgy DVDs being a crime. I'm told that it finances other more serious crimes, the illegal drugs industry, etc etc. I've also read occasional warnings in Greenwich Time not to buy them for the same

reason. Serious stuff, eh? Then why is it that a flourishing illegal industry that everyone knows about is taking place every day in the heart of Greenwich. Every single time I have been to the shopping estate in Bugsby's Way, midweek or weekend, I have been asked surreptitiously: "DVD?" They are

outside Smyths, the toy store. Maybe one day they'll have their own stall. Surely it doesn't take a Poirot brain to put a stop to it? Has it escaped police intelligence? Everyone else knows.

Name and address supplied

STREET enforcement teams stamped out most of the DVD sellers

in the town centres and have made progress in driving illegal traders away.

Enforcement teams regularly patrol the borough and seize the DVDs and punish the sellers with prosecution or fixed penalty notices. To report an illegal DVD seller call the FACT (Federation Against Copyright Theft) hotline on 020 8568 6646

I need the footpath at my age

I AM a 92-year-old who has lived in Straightsmouth, Greenwich, all my life, very near the Greenwich Market.

I've always been very independent and like going to my local shop to get my weekly paper and look forward to doing so.

With the recent roadworks and demolition around the Greenwich Market area, I've noticed the whole pedestrian path and crossing is obstructed and has been so for

months on end now. This has left a person like myself, who is not as solid on my feet any more, and mothers with pushchairs at extreme risk. We have to use the road as a footpath.

I'm frightened to go to my local shop for fear of being in an accident and had to be helped by an onlooker recently because I was so frightened to cross around there.

What had been a routine that I enjoyed has now become a major

concern and I want to know how long the contractors plan on having the footpath closed. Surely this can't be allowed?

Ms. Compton, Greenwich

SORRY to hear that you were inconvenienced by the redevelopment works in Stockwell Street. The council has asked the developer to provide additional facilities and protection for pedestrians as a matter of urgency. We hope this improves the situation. **Ed**

Pic Spot... send yours to peter@cfjournals.demon.co.uk



Write to: GT Letters, Communications Team, Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW or email greenwich.time@greenwich.gov.uk
We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

Can anyone help us over these dirty diggers?

CAN anyone help or advise as to where to get help? I have phoned Greenwich Council and Gallions Reach (no help) regarding the lorries and diggers at the back of our house. They start up at 7am and carry on until 7pm at night. They drive up and down like racers, the problem is they pick up dirt and dust clouds which is covering inside and outside the windows, doors, garden, cars, inside floors - everything is covered.

That hot week we had I could not open the windows. They start halfway down Weston Way, go down the back of Waterside Close.

I am sure all the houses on this route must have the same problem. Breathing in all this

dust is not good for people. **Thamesmead pensioner**
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NOT JUST A JOB: Bob Barringer receives his award from Stella English, winner of The Apprentice on TV, at the First Steps Trust annual event

Big step forward for Bob-a-Job!

Mechanic stars in new business venture

RAISE a cheer for Thamesmead resident Bob Barringer, a man who made it to the summit after hitting rock bottom.

And raise a cheer for First Step Trust (FST), the energising, innovative charity based in Woolwich that helped him get there.

Bob, who described his mental breakdown as "like being buried alive", won the charity's Carole Furnivall Award for outstanding achievement from another high flier, Stella English, winner of The Apprentice on TV.

The annual awards were held at an unlikely venue but one that was like home to Bob, FST's new social enterprise, an MOT and garage service centre in Woolwich - where the guests sat down to a three-course dinner!

Before his breakdown, Bob worked as a motor mechanic, specialising in electronic diagnostics. But in 2001, after a series of personal difficulties, he became overwhelmed by anxiety and depression.

He told GT: "It was like being buried alive. I had always worked and I realised if I couldn't, I couldn't go on. I attempted suicide."

The turning point was accepting an offer of help from his GP. From there, after a period of time receiving treatment, Bob found

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his way to FST, who provided him with a work placement. FST, supported by Greenwich Council and the Big Lottery, has 13 projects around the country providing real work and training for people excluded from ordinary working life because of mental health issues and other disadvantages.

While at FST Bob helped set up its new flagship enterprise, SMaRT garage services - a commercial garage on the Kingside Industrial Estate in Woolwich which does MOTs and car repairs and is staffed by qualified technicians with years of industry experience.

Bob became one of its garage mechanics and recently he successfully applied for the salaried post of garage workshop supervisor.

On receiving his award, Bob said, "I'm bowled over. It's a personal triumph but I also see this as an award for all of us at FST."

Stella English, who also grew up in Thamesmead, said: "I'm very supportive of the work FST does because it's not only about helping people into work, it's also about helping people to make their lives better."

Stella, who has also struggled against the odds, was impressed by the achievements of all the award winners. She left school at

15 without qualifications, but went on to achieve a career in banking then win the acclaimed TV series.

She said: "Winning The Apprentice was a culmination of years of hard work, educating myself and pushing boundaries as far as I possibly could."

FST recognises that it takes time for people to build up their experience and get their confidence and belief in themselves back. It also has high expectations of people which is a very positive approach."

FST chief executive Ronnie Wilson MBE said: "We believe in giving people the opportunity to not only develop up to date work skills but also experience the pressures and responsibilities of ordinary working life. I am extremely proud of what Bob has achieved."

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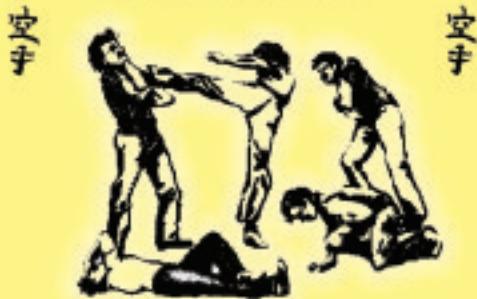
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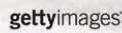
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The Greenwich (Greenwich Town Centre CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2011
The Greenwich (Millennium Village) (Free Parking Places) (Amendment No. 6) Order 2011
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 33) Order 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 21st October 2011 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, so as to continue in operation indefinitely the provisions of the Greenwich (Electric Vehicle Charging Places) (No. 1) Experimental Order 2010, the Greenwich (Residential and Business Parking Places) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 23) Experimental Order 2010, the Greenwich (Parking Places) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 14) Experimental Order 2010, the Greenwich (Millennium Village) (Free Parking Places) (Amendment No. 4) Experimental Order 2010 and the Greenwich (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 22) Experimental Order 2010.

2. The general effect of the Orders, which will come into operation on 31st October 2011, will be to continue to provide on-street charging places for electric vehicles (which, in the context of this Order, include plug-in hybrid electric vehicles) in certain locations in the borough which will continue to operate as follows:

(a) the charging places are available for electric vehicles only, "at any time" and without payment of charge, provided that the vehicle is connected to the charging post via a supplied charging lead (access to the charging post socket is granted through membership of the charging place scheme – see paragraph 3 below); and

(b) electric vehicles are restricted to a maximum stay of four hours at a charging place during the "limited stay hours" of that charging place. These hours are signed at the charging place and in most cases are identical to the operating hours of the controlled parking zone, where applicable. Outside of the limited stay hours an electric vehicle may be left for an unlimited period.

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4. The charging places are located as follows:

(a) in Eltham town centre, on the north side of Meareton Place, opposite No. 9 Meareton Place (two bays of total length 10 metres); a maximum stay of 4 hours applies between 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Monday to Saturdays;

(b) in Greenwich town centre:

(i) on the north-west side of Blaauw Street, outside No. 101 Royal Hill (two bays of total length 11 metres);
(ii) on the west side of Hornsey Place, immediately north of its junction with Thames Street (two bays of total length 11 metres); and
(iii) on the north-west side of Roan Street, outside No. 92 Roan Street (two bays of total length 10.5 metres).

for which a maximum stay of 4 hours applies between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday to Saturdays and between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays; and
(c) on the junctions, on the north-west side of John Harvard Way, opposite the junction with Teal Street (two bays of total length 12.5 metres); a maximum stay of 4 hours applies between 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. throughout the week.

5. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5478.

6. The Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, The Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, SE10 4HQ.

7. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

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Family festival's feast of fun

Parents and children
get busy at two-week
activity bonanza

THERE is plenty in store for children and their parents at this year's Family Learning Festival. The series of events runs until October 30 at the National Maritime Museum, Old Royal Naval College and at children's centres across the borough. The festival began with an event at the Queen's House on October 15. The theme for this year's fest is 'starting new adventures', which is exactly what this group of youngsters (right) got up to when they created brightly coloured face masks with their parents and Greenwich mayor, Jim Gillman. It was chosen to give local families a chance to experience a range of interactive learning activities in a historic venue.

As well as offering a full day of craft activities, singing, dancing, music and storytelling, the event also had stalls offering information on local courses and activities taking place in children's centres and other venues throughout the year.

There was also an exhibition of miniature gardens made by parents and children at children's centres groups across Greenwich, and a focus on local families talking about the foods they enjoy. Cllr Jackie Smith, Greenwich Council's member for children's services,

said: "There are plenty of opportunities throughout the year for families to learn together – whether at our children's centres, in our libraries or through the activities offered at the borough's fabulous museums. The event at the Queen's House was a great celebration of this work, and there's plenty more to excite and stimulate children and their parents and carers coming up at the festival."

ACE FACES: youngsters and parents get dressed up with mayor Jim Gillman, and right, a lad proudly displays his miniature garden alongside one the mayor made earlier



For more information on the family learning activities still to come visit www.nmm.org.uk or ask at your local children's centre

Eltham Lights Up for Christmas



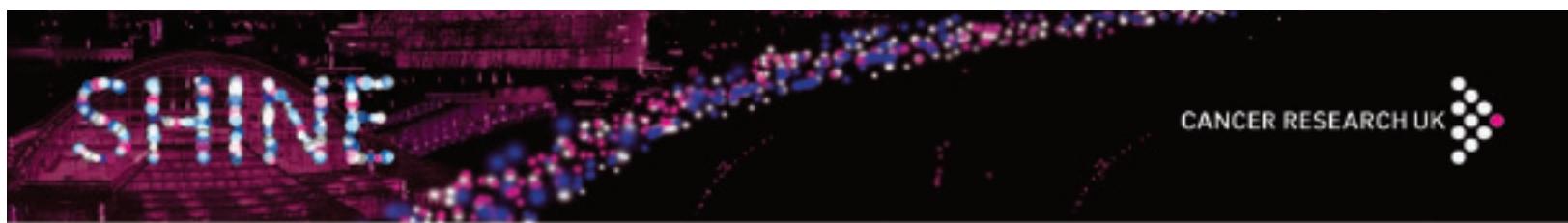
WALKING TALL: giant puppet at last year's festivities

ELTHAM gets festive next month with its annual Christmas lights switch-on. The Eltham Lights Up event takes place on Thursday 17 Nov at 6.00pm. The theme this year is Eltham's heritage, drawing on local historical sites like Eltham Palace and Well Hall Pleasaunce. There's also the chance to make an early start on Christmas shopping with many stores stay open for late night shopping. The switch-on is followed by an illuminated parade of lanterns created by local children and their families. This year's parade

is overseen by a huge mechanical puppet. There's also additional entertainment and performances from 4.30pm as well as Christmas-themed stalls along Passey Place from 9am – 7.30pm. The Eltham Centre joins in the celebrations with an official switch on of its Christmas tree lights at 5pm and performances from Crown Woods College Band and Gospel Choir at 4.15pm and the Eltham Choral Society at 7pm. O.J's cafe will also be offering special discounts.

Eltham Lights up is free to attend. More info at: www.greenwich.gov.uk/whatson

BE part of the procession by joining one of the lantern workshops, and making your own – they're taking place at St Mary's Community Centre, 180 Eltham High St, Sat 12 Nov, 11am – 2pm.



CANCER RESEARCH UK



London walkers asked to make every step count for Cancer Research UK

THE THOUSANDS of men and women who took part in Cancer Research UK's unique night-time walking event are being urged to step forward with their sponsorship money.

Organisers of Cancer Research UK's Shine London are saying a heart-felt 'thanks' to everyone who took part in the event, which was held for the first time at the start of October.

And they are asking them to make all the fun and emotion of the big night count – by returning money they've raised to Cancer Research UK, where it will be used to fund research which saves lives.

Shine London involved 10,000 people dressed in luminescent clothes and carrying torches, lights and balloons taking to the streets in an inspirational procession, starting at the O2 and passing famous landmarks such as Westminster and Buckingham Palace.

Walkers were able to choose between a full or half marathon route. Participants also had the opportunity to raise funds for a specific area of cancer research including breast cancer, lung cancer and leukaemia.

The event symbolises the light that Cancer Research UK's doctors, nurses and scientists bring to the lives of people affected by cancer through life-saving research.

Joff Charters, Cancer Research UK's Shine Event Manager, said: "Shine London was a fantastic event. 10,000 walkers created

an amazing atmosphere on the night. Looking at all the 'back signs' worn by participants declaring why they are taking part was a very emotional experience. Many were cancer survivors themselves or were taking part in tribute to their loved ones whose lives have been touched by the disease. Together they created a vibrant beacon of hope in the city."

Cancer survival rates have doubled since the 1970s and Cancer Research UK's work has been at the heart of that progress.

Research is expensive so Cancer Research UK needs the people of London to help raise £1.4 million from Shine to support it.

Joff added: "We realise that our walkers have already come a very long way but we are asking them to take just one final step – by returning the money they have raised so that we can go on funding much needed research."

For more information on how to return your sponsorship money please visit: www.cancerresearchuk.org/shine

Make It Count!

There are three ways to return sponsorship money:

- **By post** Send a cheque, payable to "Cancer Research UK", to Shine, PO Box 1533, Cancer Research UK, OXFORD OX4 9FQ
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).

Highways Committee - Tuesday November 1, 7.00pm

Eltham Crematorium Joint Committee - Thursday November 3, 6.30pm

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings

Games Time traffic plans announced

One-way system and bus diversions proposed to ease travel of thousands of spectators in 2012

PLANS have been announced for changes in traffic flow around Greenwich during next year's **Olympic and Paralympic Games**.

The plans were put forward by LOCOG, the London 2012 Organising Committee to keep Greenwich town centre moving during Games time and to make travel easier for spectators.

The key proposals:

- **A temporary one-way gyratory system** in Greenwich town centre beginning just before the Games start. The northbound lane of Greenwich High Road from the junction with Norman Road to the town centre. Vehicles going west to east will take Norman Road to the junction with Creek Road, turn right onto Creek Road to the junction with Greenwich Church Street onto the existing one-way system.
- **Bus diversions will come into place** once the gyratory system is introduced. Details will be announced next year.
- **Temporary spectator footbridges over** Romney Road and the A2 on competition days to speed up safe spectator access to the venue and keep traffic moving.
- **The introduction of temporary** event day parking areas and changes to existing Controlled Parking Zones, meaning that spectators cannot park in residential roads.
- **The Avenue/Blackheath Avenue in** Greenwich Park will be closed in peak times from July 7 to September 8, as will Charlton Way.

More details about exact times and dates of parking restrictions and the new gyratory systems will be published well in advance of competition time next year. LOCOG has sold nearly 50,000 tickets for the Equestrian cross-country day on

by Dick Townsend-Smith

July 13. It is working with Transport for London and other stakeholders to see if spectator numbers can be increased on that day.

There will be phased closures in Greenwich Park, which will be announced early next year with information displayed around the park well in advance.

The main rail stations that will be used by spectators are Greenwich overland/DLR station from the north, Blackheath mainline from the south, Maze Hill from the east for passengers from Kent. There is also taxi/blue badge/bike access plus Park and Ride facilities, coach parking on Cross Country day, and an accessible shuttle service from Greenwich Station dropping off at Old Woolwich Road.

The walking routes from local stations will be signposted, and marshalls will be

employed to give people directions and help.

I think this all seems quite reasonable - a one-way system is the only way to do it.

The designated Olympic and Paralympic Route Network (ORN) roads for transporting the athletes, officials and media to Greenwich Park are the Blackwall Tunnel, the A2 and Prince Charles Road, Maze Hill Road, Park Vista and Park Row. Traffic management measures to help Games vehicles will

operate at certain times. Meanwhile, LOCOG has been holding a series of 'drop-in' sessions in Greenwich to help residents and businesses prepare for 2012. They took place at Devonport House in King William Walk last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"Greenwich Park will be a spectacular venue for Equestrian and Modern Pentathlon events in 2012," said Paul Deighton, LOCOG Chief Executive. "It is important that local residents and businesses understand our plans so that they can get ready for next year. Moving spectators in and out of the park will mean changes to Greenwich town centre immediately prior to and during the Games. We want to keep the area moving with as few road closures as possible." The plans are part of a package that will be discussed by Greenwich Council shortly. A licence to sell alcohol, and broadcast commentaries and music for the choreographed dressage in Greenwich Park was granted last Wednesday (October 19).

Greenwich resident Peter Filby was at the consultation. He told GT: "It's a great opportunity to show Greenwich off and I really hope all who come can also visit the wonderful waterfront and Maritime Museum so the benefits are felt by us all. I do still have some fears about how it will all be managed - is Greenwich Station too far away from the venue for example and will it be OK with that many people crossing a scaffold bridge?" Reg Richardson who lives by Greenwich Park added: "I think this all seems quite reasonable - they're trying to make Greenwich into a one-way system which is the only way to do it. People forget this is all only for a couple of weeks or so."

Not left in the cold at NMM

IT'S a chilly subject matter but the National Maritime Museum will be hoping for a warm response to its new exhibition, *Arctic Convoys*.

The display is on now and marks the 70th anniversary of the first Allied Arctic convoys to Russia.

Entry is free and there will be info on the many ships that sailed the northern passage between 1941 and 1945 and the museum.

Arctic Convoys tells the story of the campaign Winston Churchill described as, "the worst journey in the World," through never before seen contemporary photos, painting war artists and clothes on display worn by the sailors. There will also be a special screening of classic wartime film *In Which We Serve* directed by Noel Coward.

• On until Feb 2012. For more info visit www.nmm.ac.uk or call 020 8312 6565

Charlton fright night

IT'S fright night at Charlton House this Halloween... Phantasmagoria Events returns for a 13th year to put on a show full of maritime curses, witches and Greenwich's most gruesome.

Ghost of Gruesome Greenwich is on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October and takes viewers way back in time, to when gods and monsters rule an ancient land and an iron age community lived near the Charlton Park Road site.

Legend has it that the tribe created a portal to the spirit world. From the four corners of Greenwich, a legion of the boroughs



FRIGHTFUL: cast members get ready to put on their make-up and fancy dress most horrid and historical phantoms are drawn to the imposing Jacobean mansion. The show blends fact and fiction and promises to uncover many of ghosts and former residents during a walk through the house in this interactive site specific performance.

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Greenwich Council's website also includes information about benefits and leaflets to view or download.

You can also contact the Welfare Rights Service using an online enquiry form.

• More info on allowances at www.greenwich.gov.uk/benefits

That's all, Folkes

MR Folkes, longstanding Headteacher at St. Patrick's Primary School will be putting down the chalk and clearing the board for the last time when he retires in December. Mr Folkes has been headteacher at the Plumstead school for 30 years and will be getting a big send off in an evening of celebration at St. Patrick's RC Church on Friday December 9. The evening will include a buffet meal, anecdotes and shared memories of

Mr Folkes during his time at the school. Mrs Bridget Donovan, who is organising the evening, is urging past pupils and friends of the school to send donations, old photos and letters that will be featured in a memory book to present to the head on the night to honour him for the time he has given to the school.

• If you have memories, send them to: Ms Donovan, St. Patrick's Presbytery, 1a Conway Road SE18 1AQ

Westminster calling for youth parliament

MEMBERS of Youth Parliament for Greenwich are taking part in a debate on November 4 in the House of Commons.

Sixteen-year-old David Hall and Michael Omoniyi (17), are members of the Greenwich UKYP and are among the team that will be travel to Westminster to debate and vote on five current topics: Sex education, university fees, School leaving age and youth unemployment, War and British Troops.

The UKYPs are the only people that are allowed to sit inside the Commons other than the MPs so it will be a privilege for the young people from Greenwich to be part of something that could potentially affect legislation for the future generation. MPs Clive Efford, Nick Ransford and Teresa Pearce have also been invited to the event to offer their support and expertise.

The fields of



OLYMPIC hero Roger Black and television personality Kate Humble were in Charlton Park on Tuesday to spearhead the local launch of 'Save a Space for Me', a national campaign backed by the Duke of Cambridge to safeguard public parkland for future generations.

They were helped by children from Charlton Manor Primary School, who had a race on the grass in front of Charlton House with the two celebrities.

The campaign is part of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge, an ambitious project from the Fields in Trust charity. With Prince William as its patron, the challenge aims to protect 2,012 outdoor recreational spaces to create a legacy for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics next year, when Greenwich becomes a royal borough.

The spaces range from playing fields, bike trails, playgrounds, to sports pitches and parks. Those that receive Queen Elizabeth II Fields status will be protected from future development.

Greenwich Council has already nominated Charlton Park, Oxleas and Well Hall Pleasaunce. Elsewhere, people are being asked to nominate their choices in a month-long voting campaign.

Twenty-six children from Charlton Manor's Year 6 took part in the launch, and spent time learning more about the park and its wildlife. Harshdeep Gulati, 11, from Blackheath said: "It's important for the environment to save green spaces like Charlton Park." Scott Lee, 10, from Charlton, said: "The day is all about keeping a park here, so children can get exercise." And Jade Judge, 10, from Charlton, said: "I like being outdoors and I always go out in the garden with my nan. It's very

SCHOOLCHILDREN from Charlton Manor put Olympic medallist Roger Black to the test when they joined the runner and Springwatch presenter Kate Humble of the 'Save a Space for Me' campaign at Charlton House last week. The Mayor of Greenwich, Jim Gillman, joined the Fields in Trust charity which will help ensure that green spaces are protected for future generations. **DICK TOWNSEND-SMITH**



A DAY AT THE RACES: Olympic medallist Roger Black has a run out with pupils from Charlton Manor, and main pic, he looks to have met his match. Top, Greenwich Mayor Jim Gillman joins Kate and Roger in front of Charlton House

good that parks like this one are being saved." The pupils were joined by children from Charlton School to have their photos taken with the celebrities.

Alison Moore-Gwyn, Chief Executive of Fields in Trust, told guests: "This project has been the most fantastic ride and we are absolutely staggered by the response. Greenwich Council has responded 'royally' and wants all three of its designated sites to be chosen."

Kate Humble, who co-presents BBC television's 'Springwatch', had the children cheering when she said: "Having access to green spaces should be the right of everyone in this country,

and a couple of hours outside in the fresh air makes us all feel good.

"Many of our parks are under threat, and local authorities are under increasing pressure to sell them off. We need to protect places like Charlton Park. Once they get official status they will be protected for ever and leave a fantastic legacy."

Her words were echoed by Olympic silver medallist sprinter Roger Black, who said: "This is a great project for something that will last for ever. I am very proud to be an Olympic ambassador and for me the legacy is about every child in this country getting engaged

in sport. That can't happen if we don't have green spaces outdoors for young people."

The Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Jim Gillman, goes for a walk in Charlton Park every morning, and spoke about some of the outdoor facilities available locally. He said: "If you give people facilities in the parks, then they will use them." Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, thanked the schoolchildren for helping the campaign's launch. He added: "I'd also like to thank the Friends of the Parks in Greenwich for their enthusiasm and

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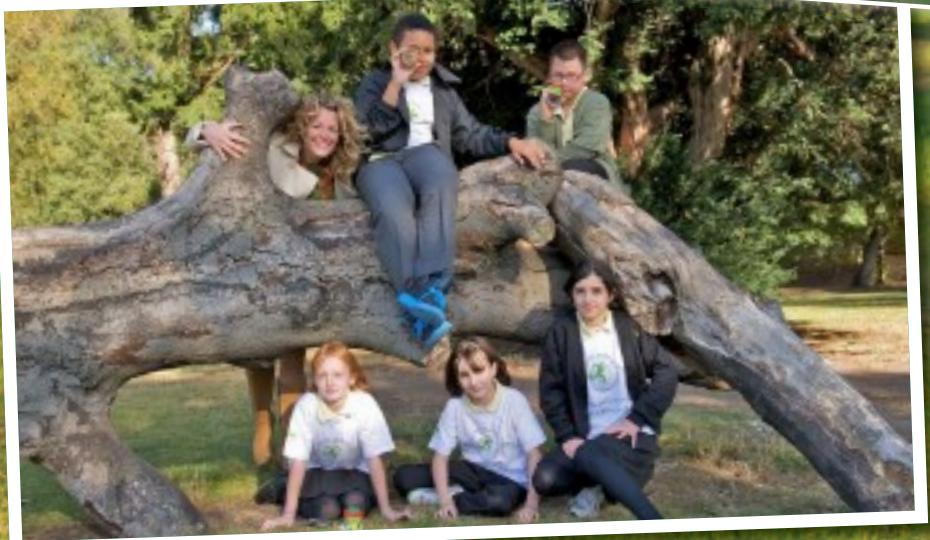


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times of the year."

Terry Powley, the chair of the
borough's Parks Friends Forum, said:
"Greenwich has some marvellous green
spaces, and the forum is dedicated to
retaining them. This initiative will
help them remain for ever for use by
local people to enjoy."

The event was followed by a reception
in historic Charlton House, where a
message of support from Prince William
was screened. More information about
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GREENWICH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

Land known as the Dwarf Orchard Greenwich Park SE10

Notice is hereby given that London Borough of Greenwich intends to dispose of land which is currently an open space comprising 0.3 hectares within the Greenwich World Heritage Site and Greenwich Park Conservation Area known as the Dwarf Orchard in Greenwich Park SE10.

The disposal is to take place by way of freehold transfer at nil consideration to the Royal Parks Agency of the Old Police House Hyde Park London W2 2UH in order to enhance the site's condition with regard to its ecological value, its cultural heritage as a former orchard and its value to the community

A plan showing the area of the land affected by the proposal may be inspected during normal office hours at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, 5th Floor Woolwich Centre Wellington Street Woolwich, SE18 6HQ.

Any objection to the intended disposal must be made in writing and should be sent to Russell Power, Head of Law and Governance, 5th Floor Woolwich Centre Wellington Street Woolwich, SE18 6HQ before 5.30pm on 11th November 2011.

Dated the 14th October 2011.

David Stratford
Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills
5th Floor Woolwich Centre
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Tasting the Big Apple

New York is calling for Greenwich Theatre production

W GREENWICH THEATRE looks to have backed a winner in *Pakita*. The theatre helped set up the production company which laid on the show at the Crooms Hill venue earlier this year. It got rave reviews, and its success is now taking it to New York. Patricia Rodriguez plays the lead – and only – role in the one-woman play, and is anxious about the reaction it will get in the Big Apple. She told *Scene*: “I am nervous but it is good to face the unknown. I’m looking forward to seeing new audiences and new ways of looking at the story. ‘I am Pakita... but I’m not Pakita! It is a duality that all actors have. You involve yourself a lot in the character. When you tell a story directly to the audience it is a very different experience. I have to keep the audience engaged the whole time. When I take the journey I want to have each one of them with me.” Her petite stature and charming nature flatters to deceive. Rodriguez’s involvement has been pivotal to the production’s success so far and she is hungry for more. Having already toured Spain, Edinburgh and London the play is a psychological drama of one woman and her tale of love, a broken heart, obsession and her path to emotional darkness which is made even more compelling by its one-woman cast. The play has themes that go deeper than most unrequited love stories.

The lonely character tells of her tale of jilted love by a man whom she met at a bingo hall. Her view on love and relationships is mirrored by her obsession for espresso coffee a “stimulating, bitter and necessary” part of her character. The solo performance creates the intensity of the character to ensure the engagement of the audience. “When you step on the stage the day after a good performance, you feel you maybe won’t be able to do it like I did the night before,” she said. “You feel lots of responsibility. You have to give a lot of yourself in each performance.” The production received standing ovations at its Greenwich Theatre dates in May this year. Great news for Rodriguez, who says the venue was pivotal in the play’s success. “It would have been a much harder experience had it not been for the theatre’s support. Without them I would not have been able to get a grant in my own country. With support in London it made sense for Spain to give money.” The Spanish thriller was written in 1995 by award-winning Spanish playwright Ernesto Caballero, and has travelled the world in various guises, languages and actors. This production directed by Roberto Corte and translated by Rodriguez almost six years ago has also received praise from Caballero for its globe-trotting antics. “Where next? China! Although I can’t speak Chinese yet! South America

would be fantastic. As for going abroad I am open to everything.” And with a one-woman cast and nothing of the set but a chair and coffee cup this play is free to move anywhere. “Eventually I aim to support performers anywhere and everywhere to communicate Spanish theatre.”

Carin Suggate
More info at www.littlesoldierproductions.wordpress.com and www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk



TEA FOR ONE: Patricia Rodriguez is the sole protagonist in *Pakita*, which is jetting off to New York

This November make a date with jazz happenings

Mmmm...nice: Jazz fest back

 **JAZZ** is back in town with Greenwich Jazz making waves this November.

The event runs from November 11-20 and takes place at various locations around the borough. There will be a blend of contemporary Jazz, Blues, Funk and Gospel along with poetry readings, workshops in local schools and colleges and performances from current Jazz artists from around the globe.

Here are a few of the highlights:
AFROBEAT Jazz Night with Kalakuta Friday November 11, 8pm

This nine-piece band led by guitarist Emeka Elendu brings high energy music and brass section to Greenwich On at Charlton House, Free entry - tickets 020 8858 9497 www.globablufusionarts.com

MARTIN SPEAKE International Trio Sunday November 13, 2pm

Martin Speake with American percussionist John Hollenbeck and Danish guitarist Jakob Bro perform. Queens House. FREE. No pre-booking, but arrive early. www.nmm.ac.uk/visit/events

JAZZ VOICES with Cleveland Watkiss and Choir is on at Trinity Laban on Tuesday November 15 at 7pm. Jazz vocals headlined by Award-winning vocalist Cleveland Watkiss who has worked with the likes of Stevie Wonder and Bob Dylan. On at Blackheath Halls, Tickets £5 020 8463 0100 www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/whatson

POETRY AND JAZZ NIGHT with Henry Lowthers Still Water. Friday November 18, 7.30pm. Poet brother Niyi, Poet and musician Freddy Macha and others perform a selection of music and poetry. On at Charlton House, Free of Charge, Tickets 020 858 9497

For more information go to www.greenwich.gov.uk/festivals

Classical music and workshops

Trinity gets early start

 MUSIC lovers are in for a treat from November 11-13 with the Early Music Festival at the Old Royal Naval College.

Celebrating more than a decade of the event, the festival will have a selection of masterclasses, live broadcasts, concerts and musical workshops to promote and showcase the success of Trinity Laban students and attract followers of the classical scene. The festival features various performances and exhibitions available through entry via tickets or pay on the door schemes. A masterclass lead by recorder Piers Adams and ensemble Red Priest starts from 10.30am-1.00pm with free admission on Friday November 11. This is followed by a performance from Trinity Laban Classical Orchestra directed by teacher Steven Devine from 1-2pm.

Audiences pay £3.00 entry on the door. On Saturday November 12, more early music vocal ensemble continues from Trinity Laban from 11.30-12.30pm. £3.00 entrance on the door. Then from 1-2pm BBC Radio 3 presents the Early Music Show Live with free admission with the exhibition ticket.

On Sunday November 13, the College will be marking Remembrance Day with a special service from 10.50-12.15pm. Entrance is free. And another free masterclass is available from 11-2pm from counter tenor Jonathan Peter Kenny.

Grace Lipski

For more information visit www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/whats_on. To get a three-day exhibition pass for £10 before November 4 email emssales@ealrymusicshop.com or call 01274 288 100.

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Less is so much Moor

A skillful cut of *Othello* on at Greenwich Theatre was the real deal, says Dick Morgan

↓ A FEW ropes, a lantern and a battered tea chest. Three young actors and 90 short minutes to unfurl a timeless classic. A challenge too far or the chance of a lifetime? The producers - a collaborative effort between the Nuffield and Yellowfield theatre groups, have bent Shakespeare to their will, trimming the cast, emptying the stage, cutting the time and even modifying 'the Moor', who significantly here is white. The characters embrace their new challenge with vigour and vim. Othello (Craig Pinder) bursts onto the stage in a fireball of emotion, now passionate in his devotion - "If it were now to die, 'twere now to be most happy," now riddled with jealousy and wishing his Desdemona dead: "Yet she must die, else she'll betray more men," he tearfully laments. But while vigorous, committed and in control of his phrasing, he rather rushes his dialogue, declining to linger and let us savour the meaning. Iago (Moses Hardwick), by contrast, is quite the reverse, his delivery more measured, his diction more precise but emotionally weaker and ultimately failing entirely to convince. Desdemona (Belinda 'Libby from Eastenders' Owusu) provides balance, compelling and persuasive when declaring her love - "your wife my Lord, your true and loyal wife" - but touching and affecting when she pleads for her life. "Kill me tomorrow, let me live tonight," she says. Given what is regarded as a difficult role, her



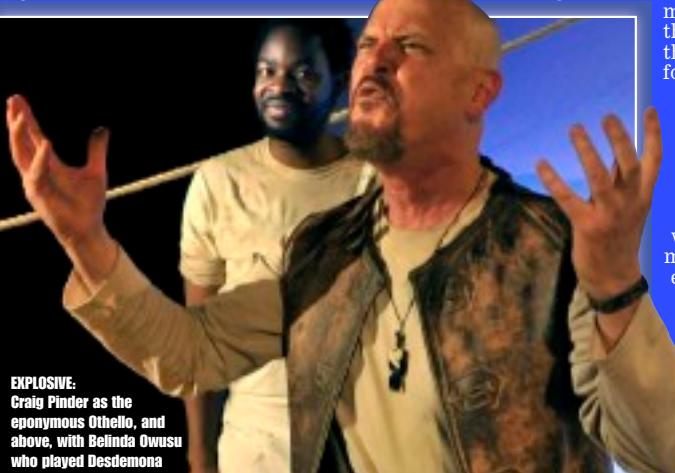
SCHEMING:
Moses
Hardwick
as Iago



transition from screen to stage was remarkably smooth. More controversial, perhaps, was the adaptation itself with Director Robin Benfield courageous

and strong, from the uncluttered staging, (a particularly imaginative use of a short wave radio) to the minimalist cast. However, the abridgement to 90 minutes is much less clear-cut, disrupting the tension and interrupting the flow and yet increasing our focus on the key characters of the play. But if the colour of Othello's skin resonates much less than it once did, the main elements of the play will forever resound: masculine pride and the importance of saving face, the position of women in a society of men, and manipulation for gain at the expense of another.

Benfield has assessed his audience - his adaptation is clearly aimed at the young - to a tee. Where pleasure must be instant, three hours is too long. Shakespeare for ninety minutes or Shakespeare not at all. 7/10



EXPLOSIVE:
Craig Pinder as the
eponymous Othello, and
above, with Belinda Owusu
who played Desdemona

Keri underwhelms at indigo2

A few surprises but Keri's R&B too full of clichés

 I'M going to be totally honest, R&B music and me have never been easy bedfellows.

So it was with great trepidation that I headed to see Keri Hilson at the Indigo2 earlier this month.

I've always felt that a lot of the genre's most popular songs objectify women and belittle them. The equivalent of a lad's mag set to beats.

Then I had a change of heart: Maybe I was tarrying all of the genre's artists with the same brush. Perhaps the princess of American R&B, who can boast Kanye West, Akon and Timbaland as collaborators, could prove me wrong. After all, with two top-twenty albums in the USA and a MOBO award under her belt, it could be that she actually empowers women.

The most noticeable thing about the concert was how long it took to actually happen. With three warm up bands taking up over two hours of stage time followed by a twenty minute DJ set by DJ Mars (imagine a poor man's Cee Lo Green) playing endless recent chart hits, the show lost momentum and the rot set in early.

"It's almost Keri time" he continued to announce. Only it never seemed to be. It felt like a glorified nightclub and by the time the lady in question finally graced the stage this clubber's feet were already hurting - she had a lot to prove.

She was a vision on the stage in a silver overcoat, sunglasses and gun shaped microphone. Believe it or not, there was no flesh in sight. At least until the second number that is, when she disrobed to reveal leather hot pants with a matching plunging crop top. Normal service had clearly been resumed... And if that wasn't enough, her opening numbers were all variations on the same theme. Emmeline Pankhurst would have been thrilled. A few numbers in to the set she selected a man in the audience

and asked him to give her a hypothetical personal tour of London before launching in to One Night Stand. Going by her attire and lyrics the gentleman would have been better off popping her in a cab to Soho and being done with it. She then left the stage twice, leaving us with our old friend DJ Mars, who was kind enough to play us yet more pointless songs. Upon her return, there wasn't a costume change in sight. The mind boggles as to what she had been doing. Perhaps she had a little sit down? After all, singing five songs in a row must be exhausting. Heaven knows how Shirley Bassey manages. Fortunately, although fragmented and devoid of flow, the set picked up midway with her giving excellent renditions of her hits "In The Air" (which featured a guest appearance from Chipmunk), The Way I Are, and Turn My Swag On. All of which reminded the crowd why Miss Hilson is such a big name in the world of R&B, as well as highlighting just how many classics she has guested on in her impressive back catalogue. Her more mellow numbers such as Sleeping with the Enemy, and Hustler showed a softer side to her and proved that there was some real vocal talent hidden beneath all the thighs and smut. The show edged to a close with a rendition of her sing-along favourite Pretty Girl Rock, by which point she had a congregation of girls from the audience on the stage to dance with her excellent backing dancers. According to the star, the song isn't about looks but a state of mind. Go figure. She then declared that "Ladies, there are still real men out there". I'm sure that reassured them. Perhaps I read Miss Hilson wrong. Maybe she does empower women. I left to the sound of one female fan declaring "If I'm gonna pay for her concert ticket again, Keri Hilson needs to up her game." I guess she was the exception. **Dean Beadle**

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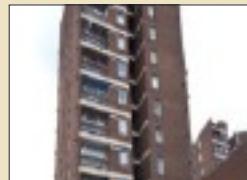
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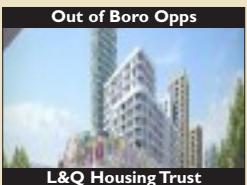
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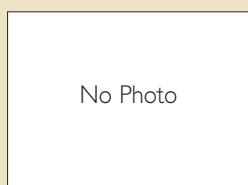
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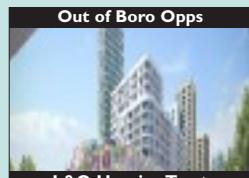
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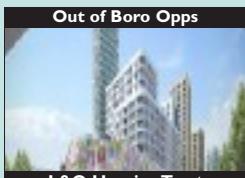


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One Person Properties**Eltham Road**, Lee SE12, Ground floor, Studio flat.**Garnett Close**, Eltham SE9, Ground Floor, Studio flat.**Sam Manners House**, Greenwich SE10, Ground Floor, Studio Flat**Strand Court**, Plumstead SE18, 2ND Floor, Studio Flat**Two Person Properties**

No Vacancies

All the above properties are lifted.**This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 256**

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Mervyn Court Tormount Road SE18 1QQ	2	FLAT	50	04/01/2010	A
Hornfair Road SE7 7BG	3	HOUSE	168	07/05/2007	A
Crescent House Bliss Crescent SE13 7RJ	3	FLAT	24	22/06/2011	B
Ellison House Lewisham Road SE13 7NB	2	FLAT	11	29/09/2011	B
Plantagenet House Leda Road SE18 5QR	2	FLAT	311	30/07/2007	C
Elderslie Road SE9 1UE	0	FLAT	29	12/10/2009	B
Well Hall Road SE9 6TY	1	FLAT	48	05/09/2011	B
Penford Gardens SE9 6HP	3	HOUSE	106	04/11/2008	B
Long Walk SE18 3TE	1	FLAT	27	15/11/2004	A
Gorman Road SE18 5RZ	1	FLAT	39	04/05/1987	A
Middle Park Avenue SE9 5QP	0	FLAT	202	17/04/2007	C
Frances Street SE18 5LA	2	FLAT	342	18/08/2009	C
Sandham Point Armstrong Place SE18 6RL	1	FLAT	414	06/05/2002	C
Petrie House Woolwich Common SE18 4HB	2	FLAT	35	01/06/2010	B
Ann Street SE18 7LS	3	MAISONETTE	49	22/04/1996	A
Ormsby Point Vincent Road SE18 6RN	2	FLAT	285	29/07/2008	C
Dawson Close SE18 7LW	1	FLAT	373	16/04/2007	C
Panfield Road SE2 9DD	2	FLAT	20	08/03/2011	B
Combwell Crescent SE2 9NB	1	FLAT	16	27/07/2011	B
Sewell Road SE2 9XN	3	MAISONETTE	16	24/05/2011	B
Heavitree Road SE18 7QX	1	FLAT	47	30/04/2006	B
Wigeon Path SE28 0DS	1	FLAT	215	28/02/2007	C
Harold Wilson House Arnott Close	1	FLAT	205	27/02/2009	C
Phineas Pett Road SE9 6RH	3	HOUSE	100	02/10/2008	B
Ferby Court Main Road DA14 6NL	1	FLAT	34	27/05/1983	A
Ferby Court Main Road DA14 6NL	1	FLAT	25	06/09/2011	A
Plumstead High Street SE18 1JT	1	FLAT	237	15/05/2009	C
Perrystreete SE23 2LF	3	FLAT		withdrawn	
Paddlesteamer House Pettacre Close SE28 0PD	2	FLAT	56	05/01/2009	B

For information or assistance

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We are an equal opportunities employer.

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**Closing date: Wednesday
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Please contact the school office or visit our website for more information. Visits to the school are welcome. Closing date: 12 noon Tuesday 8th November.

The Schools in Greenwich LA are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.
An enhanced CRB check is required for all staff.



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Post Ref: CM/JL/1

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Candidates must demonstrate a good level of spoken and written English. The ability to speak and write in Japanese is essential.

This position is subject to a "CRB disclosure" check under the "Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974".

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

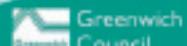
To apply for this post, please send a stamped (1st class large letter stamp), self addressed, A4 envelope for an Application Pack, quoting the post reference number

To: Mrs. B. Johns, School Business Manager, Charlton Manor Primary School, Indus Road, Charlton, SE7 7EF or collect a pack from the school (unfortunately we cannot facilitate online applications).

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Hungary for success!

Team from Eltham hits the gold standard

by Peter Cordwell

TWO months after moving to Greenwich, a karate club has won two gold and three bronze medals at an international championship event in Hungary and become the second best team in the UK.

The club based in Eltham competed as the England Shotokan Karate-Do Federation (ESKF) in the European Championships for children, cadets and juniors in Györ.

"We are the only UK club to win a team gold medal in a European championship," said Erica Francoise, who runs the club at the Lionel Road Community Centre. Our success is simply down to hard work. Our children train every day of the week,



COPS WITH EVERYTHING: the Eltham team with instructor Sensei Essam Shreif and (right) Kawa Amiry, who an individual as well as a team gold medal in Hungary

including at my house in Eltham on Sundays.

"There were ten mats in action over the four days and it was brilliant to do so well. The atmosphere on the way home was amazing and the children who missed out have already put their names down for the world championships in Serbia next year."

Fourteen-year-old Kawa

Amiry won the gold medal in the children's blue to brown belt category and the team gold in the cadet black belts category went to - Samer Jaber, Kawa Amiry, Kanishka Amiry and Kai McLaughlin.

Kawa told GT: "I felt really happy to win the gold medal. It's the best thing I've ever done. I was surprised, definitely!"

"I only started karate a year ago. When I started I was picked for the team straight away. One day I want to be No. 1 and go to the Olympics. I train five or six times a day.

"I make sure I fit it in. I like table tennis, football and swimming but karate is the one I compete in. My top skill is my power."

Erica Francoise has run

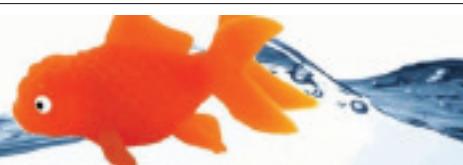
the club for five years. She got involved after taking her four-year-old son to a club. She said: "My main aim in running a karate school is to get young people off the streets and giving them self esteem," said Erica. "It's wonderful to be successful under our chief instructor, Sensei Essam Shreif, but it's the community aspect of our

work that is most important. The club has 82 members ranging from a five-year-old to a 56-year-old. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5-7pm at the centre on Westhorne Avenue.

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